

The Week.

Last Thanksgiving day was made memorable in the history of this country by the action in regard to that festival taken by the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church now in session at Baltimore. Regarding it in the light of a puritanical, or at least a purely Protestant observance, unknown to the calendar or usages of the church, the Catholics of this country had hitherto paid little or no attention to the day, never heeding the executive admonition "to assemble themselves at their usual places of worship," &c. The Plenary Council at Baltimore decided on a step that will probably change all this. They resolved that, if his Holiness the Pope approve the decree, the day shall henceforth be sacredly observed by the Roman Catholic church of the United States, and to give emphasis to its meaning, the council decided at once to give their decree practical effect by holding a special Thanksgiving service in the Metropolitan Cathedral in Baltimore, all the members of the council being in attendance, as well as an immense lay congregation. The sermon was preached by the eloquent Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria, and was "full of interest and in spirit of good will to all who call themselves Christians."—It may be noted in this connection that the common idea that Thanksgiving day is a festival of puritan origin appears to be an error. Bradford, who has lately written an admirable history of New York, shows that the puritans found the festival already centuries old, in Holland during their short forced sojourn there, and that the Dutch settlers on Manhattan Island had habitually observed the day long before its adoption by the Plymouth colony.

The postmaster general reports the expenditures of his department for the fiscal year at \$46,404,960, and the ordinary revenues at \$43,338,127. The cost of the service over the revenues for the past year was \$3,066,833, and for the current year the department asks for \$5,836,349 from the treasury. A reduction of the postage on local letters to 1 cent is recommended, as also the establishment of a 10 cent special delivery by means of messenger boys.

The people of West Virginia have shown their good sense by ratifying an amendment to their state constitution doing away with October elections. If Ohio now would manifest the same good sense, the country would be rid of the October nuisance. It is hinted, however, that the political managers of Ohio found the carnival in that state last October so profitable in dollars and cents that any proposition to cut off all future harvests of the kind would be overwhelmingly voted down.

The newspapers continue to bring harrowing accounts of "The Cumberland Plague," as it is called—the strange disease that for the past six weeks has been afflicting four or five counties in the Cumberland mountains in southwestern Virginia and southeastern Kentucky. Taking Mt. Pleasant, in Harlan county, Ky., as about the center, the disease is said to rage over a territory about 75 miles wide by 80 miles long. The whole region is in the mountains and very thinly settled—the entire population not over 15,000, and of these it is believed a tenth have fallen victims. They are first taken with violent gripings, followed by a raging headache and fevers and seldom linger beyond two days. Nor one in ten attacked recovers. There is a general agreement that the disease is caused by mineral poisons in the water. This is evidenced by the fact that the mortality among horses, cattle and sheep is even greater than among the people. For months the region has been afflicted with drought. Wells and cisterns are all dry and springs no longer yield a supply of water. The streams along which the disease prevails find their beginning in the mountains among rocks containing alkali, arsenites and other poisonous minerals. The streams having dried up so as only here and there to leave stagnant pools, the water left was powerfully charged with these poisons and their use resulted in the epidemic. As there has not yet been sufficient rain in the country to purify the water, the ravages of the disease are by no means at an end, though the mortality and flight have greatly lessened the amount of material to operate upon.

Gov. Hamilton, in a document that would fill a page of the FREE TRADER, orders the issue of a certificate of election to Leaman, as state senator in the 6th Chicago district, where the local canvassers had unexpectedly discovered a majority in favor of Brand. As the Governor's functions in the matter were purely ministerial, there was no call for any argument to justify his course, and the only inference from his having made such an argument must be that he felt that his action in the matter needed an apology.

Governor Hamilton has appointed Hon. L. C. Collins, of Chicago, speaker of the last Illinois House of Representatives, Judge of the Cook Circuit Court, in place of Judge Barham, lately resigned. The appointment is a good one.

The electors of all the states met at their respective state capitals according to law on Wednesday and cast their votes for President and Vice-President of the United States. There was no lull anywhere, and the vote was cast exactly as the people had decided it should be—219 for Cleveland and Hendricks and 182 for Blaine and Logan. A messenger from each state carries the returns to Washington, where in February they will be opened and counted in the presence of the two houses of congress, and then only Cleveland and Hendricks will be officially declared elected.

The Proper Way

To attach a stamp to an envelope is to moisten the envelope and then apply the stamp. Try this. If we all did the proper thing we would use Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic for dyspepsia, costiveness, bad breath, piles, dimples, ague and malaria diseases, poor appetite, low spirits, headache, or diseases of the kidneys, stomach and liver. Price 50c. of E. Y. Griggs.

THE POPULAR VOTE.—The Chicago Times indulges in the following "rumination" on the popular vote at the late presidential election:

The aggregate popular vote was 9,824,402, as against 9,204,428 in 1880, showing an increase of 619,974. In eight states, however—viz, Georgia, Maine, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont—there is a falling off in the total vote. In the sixteen southern states, the total vote was 2,835,001, against 2,519,209 in 1880, an increase of 315,792. The Cleveland electors in these states received 1,623,147 votes, against 1,651,564 cast for the Hancock electors four years ago, showing an actual decrease in the democratic vote in the "solid south" of 28,417. The "bulldozed" and "intimidated" Republicans in that section have, on the contrary, made a handsome increase, gaining all the new vote and making inroads upon the democratic vote of 1880. The total vote of the Garfield electors in 1880 in these states was 1,067,506, while the Blaine electors this year received 1,211,894, an increase of 144,388 votes. Six states—Colorado, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Oregon and Pennsylvania—gave the Blaine ticket larger pluralities than they gave the Garfield ticket, while in ten states—Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin—the Blaine pluralities are smaller than the Garfield pluralities were. Blaine carries two states which were lost by Garfield—California and Nevada—and loses three states which were carried by Garfield—New York, Connecticut and Indiana. Although Blaine's plurality in Maine is very much larger than that of Garfield, he received 1,830 fewer votes than Garfield in that state. In only one New England state—Rhode Island—is the Blaine vote as large as the Garfield vote. In the six New England states the aggregate Blaine vote is 382,173, against 414,454 for the Garfield ticket, showing a positive loss of 22,281. There is also a slight falling off in the democratic vote in the New England states, where the Hancock electors received 311,502 votes, and the Cleveland electors 306,100 votes, a decrease of 5,402. The net republican loss in New England, therefore, is 28,083. Only five of the thirty-eight states report no votes for the St. John ticket. Its aggregate vote in the country was 147,277. The apparent vote for the Butler ticket was 125,515, but owing to the fusions in seven states it is impossible to ascertain the real strength of the "people's party." In Michigan the Butler elector who ran separately received 41,380 votes. The total republican vote in the country at large this year is 4,795,272; in 1880, 4,449,033; increase, 346,239. The total democratic vote this year is 4,811,234; in 1880, 4,442,039; increase, 369,195. The net democratic gain is 23,901. The popular vote, as will be observed, is almost evenly divided as it was in 1880. The largest democratic majority is that of Texas, 98,383; the largest republican majority is that of Pennsylvania, 81,019.

From which the Times deduces that the democratic gains have been altogether confined to those states in which the spirit of tariff reform is most active. It is to the growth of this sentiment that the gains in Michigan, Iowa and Indiana are clearly due. In New England the republican losses are plainly to be attributed to a like cause. It is equally clear, on the other hand, that in Pennsylvania, in the south and on the Pacific slope, where the republicans have made their best showing, their increased strength is due to their championship of protection.

The worst slander yet put upon the negroes of the South was contained in the telegraphic announcement, made a day or two ago, that three negro converts were in the Mormon colony that was about to leave Tennessee for Utah. Heretofore the Mormon evangelists have sought their converts only among the white people, and a black "saint" has never yet trod the streets of Salt Lake City. It will be something of a change for a white bishop to lead around a party of colored converts, and for Ethiopia to stretch out her hands unto an apostle, but, in the Mormon creed, variety is the spice of life, and so everybody concerned ought to be happy.

A cablegram gives a pitiful account of the impetuous condition of the American colony in London, owing partly to the continued tumble in American securities, but mainly to losses in betting on Blaine. One young man named Gould, of respectable parents, after bringing most of his friends to grief, has sailed for the Transvaal as a volunteer in the Boerland expedition. Several ardent Blaine men are in hiding.

Talking about Dr. Tanner's celebrated fast of forty days, his feat is eclipsed by half a year, at least by a lady at Fort Plain, N. Y. Kate Smutzey, her physician testifies, has not tasted food and has partaken of very few liquids for the past 263 days, neither, during all that time, had she slept over two hours out of every 24. Reports a few days ago, however, said she had fallen into a long, quiet sleep, from which it was feared she would never wake.

The National Live Stock Remedy Co. of Chicago, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this paper, claim to have remedies that have been in constant use for years in the practice of the most noted veterinarians in this country and Europe. In the treatment of the specific diseases for which they are intended, it is a fact that among the vast amount of live stock owned in the northwest thousands die annually from want of proper treatment, and if a live stock owner can secure some specific remedies which will not only prevent but cure many of the most common and fatal diseases which occur among his flock, he certainly should always keep it on hand. If the remedies manufactured by this company are what they claim for them, and from what we can learn of the company, we believe they are, no live stock owner can afford to be without them for use in case of emergency. Send two cent stamp for their Practical Guide Book for Live Stock Owners.

A STRANGE CASE

Of a Prominent Man by the Name of W. A. Williams, Living at Harpersfield, near Geneva, Ashland County, Ohio.

The long sickness and intense suffering of Mr. Williams has been the cause of much talk and wonder for miles around Harpersfield. The reason for all this is because his disease, being one that a great many people are troubled with, had assumed a terrible form, and showed plainly what neglect in getting the right kind of treatment on the start might lead to. As we are deeply interested in this subject, we take it for granted that many of our readers are; therefore we give a brief history of Mr. Williams' disease.

Eight years ago he was a strong, healthy man, weighing over 200 pounds; but soon after his health began failing him, and finally became so bad that his friends advised him to be treated by a prominent physician of Cleveland. He did so, but was finally given up, the physician telling him that his was the worst case of stomach, kidney and heart affection he had ever seen, and that he was liable to drop dead at any moment. He was soon after examined at the Cleveland medical college, and they pronounced his case as an incurable one of the liver, kidneys and heart. They came to the conclusion after having tried nearly all the remedies generally used by the best physicians for the treatment of such cases, namely, acetum, veratrum, digitalis, colicum, malt extract and tincture of iron, but they completely failed.

His condition at this time was terrible. His heart would frequently pulsate 125 times a minute and so violently as to be frightening. He could scarcely retain any food on his stomach; sleep short and interrupted; an almost constant burning and itching of the skin all over the body, particularly nights; no appetite; extremely nervous and excitable. "Death was constantly staring me in the face," said he, "and my family were nearly worn out with fear and care. I had been in this sad state for eight years, seemingly no chance for getting well, hope all gone."

"In the Cleveland Daily Herald of June 10, it will also be found in the Weekly Herald of June 14, is an article called 'Sudden Deaths,' and every one should read it. The article is candid and convincing. It threw new light on my case, and I immediately called the attention of the druggists Messrs. Pratt & Craine, of Geneva, to it, and they got for me the preparation it recommended. It is known as the German pharmaceutical remedy Von Tagan's Alaxine. I am now taking only part of the second bottle, and I can honestly say without exaggeration, that I have received more positive benefit so far than from nearly all the treatment combined that I had previously received."

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The grape crop on Kelly's Island, in Lake Erie, opposite Cleveland, is said to be unusually abundant this year, and the bass fishing on its shores better than ever before known. The following history is given of the island: Originally it was literally covered with snakes and reptiles, and no human being, not even the noble red man, had the courage to dispute their right and title to the island. During a heavy storm, many years ago, a schooner was wrecked off McCodgins Point. The boat carried a cargo of live hogs. All hands were lost, but the hogs swam ashore, and, as they found little else to feed upon, they made a diet of snakes. In the course of time they succeeded in devouring all the snakes on the island. Then the Kelly family put in an appearance and began devouring the hogs, a feat which was accomplished easily and quickly. Nothing has since succeeded in exterminating the Kelly family.

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